JDW: I took time to read Spencer Rich's WxPost 1/26/75 story headed, "Queit Revolt Under Way In Senate" and recommend it to you. I have always believed EMK is able, not just the beneficiary of a famous name. He did coast as whip. But from late last Spring or early summer I've felt that he had begin to change and become a power in his won right. There are not many legislators who take the time to master the rules, but in the early 40s I saw what even a minority man can do with this mastery. There is a limit to what a staff can do for him in the areas Rich discusses. It really means that in the end he had to do his own work and in the counsels there was no alternative. Whether he runs for president or not, I think that henceforth it is likely that he will be a power. This is the time for it, as he may have taken from WG and what it had to mean. I think that alone or on advice he saw the possibilities. It is his one way of overcoming his own problem. There is the need and he may well fill it. Mansfield is at best a pleasant nonentity and Ford is an ideal standard of comparison. In the end merely opposing Ford may be enough is EMK can identify himself as the major opposer. But a few alternative programs that make sense on the cital questions will help because Ford has proposed and will propose nothing that can solve any of the serious problems. He has neither the capacity nor those around him with the capacity or the vision or the understanding. As he steers toward disaster the one who establishes himself as the opposer is bound to benefit. Ford also is not popular. All those in this conservative area who mention him to Lil do unfavorably. And many do. Nobody seems to have any faith in him. This, of course, poses other problems. At best there is serious trouble ahead. Ford is not able to cope with any of it. The man who can be identified as a real alternative will shine, nationally. HW 1/27/75